

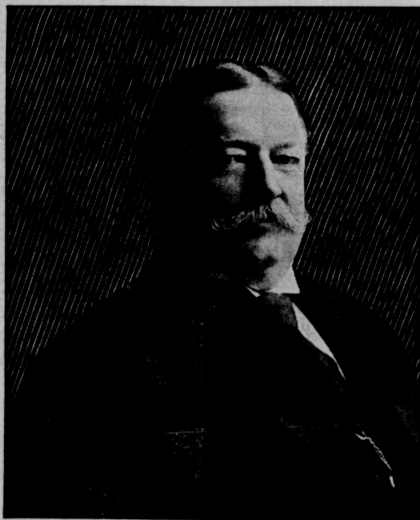
Pecos Valley News.

A Newspaper for the Homeseekers and the Homebuilders of the Middle Valley

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William H. Taft
Who will be our next President if he can secure the Republican Nomination

THE OIL WELL SHOT

Forty Quarts of Nitroglycerine Blow a Stream of Oil and Water Seventy-Five Feet into the Air.

Saturday afternoon at 1:30 the oil well southwest of Artesia was shot with forty quarts of nitroglycerine in two cans. The first can was lowered in the well and then the second, which had the cap on it was put in on top of it. A weight was then dropped in the well and the explosion threw oil and water over the derrick, or a little over seventy five feet high.

The well has not been recased as we go to press, but oil and gas bubbles are coming to the top of the water all the time and the prospects are good for a heavy flow of oil. Harry Mull, who is an experienced oil man and who mixed the explosive, says that he has never seen as good indications of oil before the water was cased out. By the time next week's issue of the NEWS goes to press we expect to have a full report of the well.

Phone 8 for choice meats.

TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Will Hold Forth at Hagerman February 1 Two Artesia Teachers Will Take Part.

A Teacher's Association meeting will be held at Hagerman February 1, and addresses will be made by both the teachers of Chaves and Eddy counties. From Artesia two teachers have been selected to make addresses. Prof. Daly, who will speak on "How to Arouse Ambition and Create High Ideals Among Students," and Prof. Botts whose subject is "How to Arouse an Interest in Athletic Sports." Other Eddy county teachers who are on the program are, Supt. V. L. Griffin, of Carlsbad, and County Superintendent Kerr.

The people who made up the program are jokers after a certain manner as is made manifest along toward the end, where they have Mell on for a lecture. Wimberly is also on for a spell. He will discuss athletics.

Kaffir corn chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Fruit Co.

All kinds of chickens at The Artesia Market.

PROBING THE COUNCIL

Several of Our Citizens Are Looking at City Books--Getting Curious as to Where the Money Goes.

This week some of our most prominent citizens have endeavored to get a look at the books of the city, but so far have failed owing to the lamentable illness of city clerk. Monday a delegation waited on the Council Hall but of course were unable to get at the books in the absence of the Clerk and Tuesday the program was repeated. Since then nothing more has been done as the Clerk's illness continues.

These gentlemen are going to the books as private citizens not as representatives of any firm or clique. According to law they have a right to know what is going on and according to law a statement must be published the first of each year, but owing to some oversight this has not been done.

The main thing to be looked up is the new waterworks system, as some of our citizens have about decided that the thimble and its attendant evils are not worth \$47,000. It is rumored that the bonds were sold to the same company which put in the system and also that they were sold for less than par, in which case the bonds are illegal according to Territorial law. Still worse than this it is said that the present waterworks could have been installed for \$20,000 and have made the contractor about \$5,000 profit. If this is the case and the contractors took \$40,000 in bonds for building a \$20,000 waterworks, then the bonds went for less than par and are null and void.

When the City Clerk regains his health, the investigation will be renewed if it takes all summer.

Statehood Committee Appointed.

The big statehood committee whose members were appointed by Gov. Curry was made public last week and numbers about 150 men of New Mexico. Among the list are four former governors of New Mexico, five former delegates to Congress, six Supreme Court judges, the chairmen of the Territorial Republican and Democratic Central committees, and the Republican committeeman from New Mexico.

The delegates appointed for Eddy county are, from Carlsbad, W. H. Mullane and E. P. Banja; from Artesia, Harry W. Hamilton and D. L. Newkirk. The other members of the committee from the Pecos Valley are: R. E. Lindsay, of Roosevelt County, and W. G. Hamilton, J. I. Hinkle, Robert Kellaham, and G. A. Richardson, all of Chaves county. All told the Pecos Valley has nine members on the committee.

Dramatic Club Entertained.

The Artesia Dramatic and Comedy Company, together with the manager and property man were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Skaer Tuesday night of this week. The evening was spent pleasantly in games and various contests, one of which was "Cats on the Brain," the prize being won D. L. Looney. In naming prominent people Prof. Botts won the prize.

WATERWORKS DOINGS.

After being Forced to Show Their Hand the City Council Turned Down the Old Contract.

After Jim Nelson was proved innocent, and the council of Artesia were forced to show their hand, the whole business was thrown on their shoulders. They had been hiding behind 'Poor old Jim' for some time and were content to allow that obliging personage to take the blame for the well being in bad condition. As soon as they had to come out in the open they threw up the old contract and now matters are in just as bad fix as they were before. No one seems to know who owns the system, and as far as can be learned no one is trying to buy it.

It is definitely known that one Mr. Larson owns one share of the old company's stock and as the attorneys for the prosecution were not allowed to prove that Jim owns any of the well, it is up to the waterright owners to hang on to Mr. Larson for their just dues, as he is the only one who is known to own any part of the well. It is true that Mr. Larson may be able to raise money on his Carnegie like holdings to fight the case to the highest courts, and even to get out of it altogether, for such is the way with these bloated capitalists. Some kind of an attempt should be made to get the water-right owners their rights. By all means let us work on Mr. Larson a little while.

Meeting Tonight.

Rev. W. H. Scribner arrived Wednesday night from Beloit, Kansas, to conduct a series of meetings at the Christian church. It has been announced that the meeting would commence Friday night but it has been decided to hold services tonight, Thursday.

The members of the church request that all places of business and amusement close not later than 6:30 p. m. while the meeting is in progress. They will appreciate this courtesy which they feel confident will be extended.

Everybody invited and the singers requested to assist in the music.

SALT, SALT, all kinds of salt at Joyce-Fruit Co.

Mrs. L. W. Martin has been quite sick during the past week but is some better as we go to press.

Remember the box supper at the Blair building tonight.

BETTER TRAIN SERVICE

Morning Train Due to Make Its Appearance at 8 O'clock and the Evening Train at Six Thirty.

The long hoped for, prayed for and longed for change in the train service is reported to be at hand and while we have been deceived so many times in this matter, it is thought that this time the betterment of railroad conditions in the valley will be a go. A. T. Booth, special agent for the Eastern Railway of New Mexico, was in Artesia Tuesday and stated that in a short time the present schedule would be changed and the evening passenger would come in (?) at 7:30 p. m. The morning passenger will be due at 8:00 a. m. Mr. Booth denied the report that new trains were to be put on but was very positive about the new timetable.

The company is filling up the mud hole near the depot with cinders imported from Carlsbad and while we believe that the railroad like other folks should patronize home industry, yet that hole needed filling up at all costs.

The exact date of the new timetable will appear later in the NEWS.

Please Settle Up

All creditors will please come in and settle up before January 1, as I am needing the money.

J. O. RICHARDS.

Bran, kaffir chops, shorts and all kinds of feed at Joyce-Fruit Co.

Rev. Teer is convalescing and will be able to conduct services at the Methodist church next Sunday.

C. F. Erb has purchased the Artesia Market from J. B. Cecil, taking charge a few days ago.

Paint mixed to order; any color desired, no extra cost at Linell's.

When you buy your groceries of E. S. Howell you are sure of getting only the best. The prices are reasonable. Phone 66.

"Poor Old Jim" Nelson and Constable Bane put in today cleaning up the city calaboose. Bane shook out the bed ticks and Jim cut the weeds around the place.

Don't punch your wall full of holes, buy room moulding at Linell's.

Kaffir corn chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Fruit Co.

Artesia College

Spring term will commence about the first week in February. It will continue four scholastic months. Pupils received at any time. We hope to have the co-operative boarding plan for boys and young men for spring term. For information, call on or address

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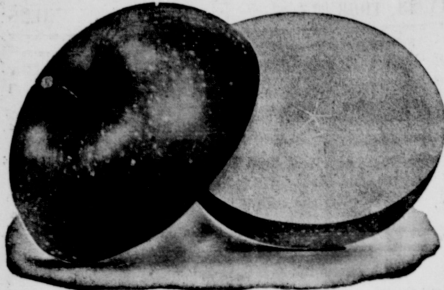
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Entered at the Post-office Artesia, N. M. as Second Class matter, Oct. 10, 1906

D. L. NEWKIRK, Proprietor.
 J. F. NEWKIRK, Editor.

\$1.50 A YEAR

The city council, consisting of Mayor Crandall and Councilmen Enfield and Beckham have decided to attempt to cancel the franchise of the city telephone company because of excessive rates, alleged irregularities in securing the same and other reasons not mentioned. In justice to Mayor Crandall we will state that he opposed the somewhat gigantic undertaking to the credit of his good judgment and sense of justice. The telephone system is one of our most convenient and useful public utilities standing next to our much prized and much paid for water system, and while the toll is somewhat higher than that paid in the states, conditions warrant the advance. A business and residence phone both cost five dollars per month while in the older settled sections they may be had from \$4 to \$4.50 per month. Everything is higher here, the freight rates labor and the cost of all material. All the necessaries of life are higher. It will be remembered that our present water system came high and the price of lumber is so high that we are unable to obtain street crossings. Newspapers and commercial printing is higher than in the states, in fact we do not expect to obtain supplies and conveniences here as cheaply as we do in the older settled communities. We even complain of our taxes which the people of Carlsbad assure us is just and equitable. It is claimed that this action is taken to protect the rights of our citizens. These gen-

men have protected our rights so closely that we are in almost entire ignorance of the proceedings of our city council during the last year although our commercial club have endeavored to have the minutes of their meetings published. The club is composed of the professional and business element of the town and important actions like the one contemplated by the two members of the council, as it is of such public importance, should have been submitted for consideration and approval by that body where men of experience and mature judgment would have an opportunity to express their opinions. We do not believe that the club will permit these gentlemen to involve us in a law suit that has for its object the injuring of a public institution. We have had one law suit within the last year. Neither do we think that there is general dissatisfaction with the present telephone rates, and we are quite certain that these two members of the council are not held in any way responsible for our excellent telephone system. However, we have heard some remarks concerning our deplorable lack of street crossings, which had the council supplied while they had the opportunity, the generous public would have forgiven all dereliction of duty so far as the telephone system is concerned.

New newspapers are as thick in New Mexico as the proverbial flea on a dog's back, and this week two new exchanges came to our table, one of which, the Willard Record is mentioned elsewhere. The Belen Tribune is the latest—the only and original newspaper of Valencia county and if its editor keeps up the good work he has started there will be no need for another paper for some time. Needless to say as it is republican, it is a good paper, and being a good paper it must necessarily be republican. We wish the Tribune and its real estate editor much success.

ARTESIA county should be pushed at every available opportunity and not for one moment should minor matters be placed before it. If there was any doubt last year as to whether the people of the northern part of what is now Fddy county really wished to be separated from this unnatural wet nurse, all such doubt is removed by the vigorous denunciations the two commissioners have received from our people. In speaking of this matter the News wishes to apologize to Mr. Mullane of the Current for saying that he signed the petition against the bridge. Mr. Mullane was probably in such a state that he was unable to make his mark. But this bridge is a small matter when compared to Artesia county, a county situated in the heart of the finest farming section in the world, in the middle of the Pecos Valley, and the center of the Artesian belt. That it must come is denied by none, and the people of this vicinity are determined that it must come soon. We have but little faith in the ability of any party whatsoever being able to reform Carlsbad and the only way to have a decent government in the middle valley is Artesia county. In this hour there should be no party lines, no democrats or republicans, but all of us should be banded together for the common cause and be prepared to fight for our rights as citizens of Artesia and of the great country which surrounds Artesia. Not only is Artesia interested in this point, but the other towns as well, and it is a pleasure to note that while the Dayton Echo has changed hands the good common sense with which its former editor was blessed is continued in the new one in as great or greater degree. With such men as Messrs. Crandall in the fight, Artesia will not soon cease to be an important dream and become a reality to the politicians of Carlsbad.

A NEW paper sticks its head above the fence in New Mexico under the name of the Willard Record, and holds forth from the new town in the Estancia Valley which tried to have county seat rights conferred upon it at the last session of the Legislature. The new paper is full of typographical errors, among others, insinuating that the climate of the Estancia Valley is better than that of the Pecos Valley, but aside from these it is a bright little rag. From its editorial utterances we judge that it is republican, but whether it is or not it starts out well as a booster for New Mexico and the particular part of the territory wherein it is published.

THE TEXAS annexation boom has been started again by a few who look upon it as the consummation of all earthly desires but no serious consideration of the question is anticipated. It is hardly likely that a Republican Congress would take a strongly democratic community from a territory where it is politically helpless and place it in a state where it would increase the strength of the democratic party. Then again while a few might desire the annexation, the northern home builders who are flocking to the Pecos Valley in large numbers, and who are mostly republicans, might have a word to say in such matter.

HARRY E. MULL, deserves great credit for the way he is handling the artesian well cases in spite of the adverse criticism he has been subjected to lately. The people demand that these wells be taken care of and Mr. Mull was appointed to do this very thing. The rumor has reached this office that some well meaning individuals are trying to get Mr. Mull removed because he is trying to enforce the law, but with the better class of people backing him as they are, there is not much chance for the disgruntled ones to do anything.

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To The People of Artesia

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Talk of the Town

J. H. Nook spent Sunday in Lake Arthur.

Mrs. Albritton left this week for a visit with friends at Forney, Texas.

Sperry & Lukins have a new machine for tapping the new water pipes.

E. B Kemp was looking after business and visiting in Roswell the fore part of the week.

The Jones Bros., their families, and stock of goods left Sunday for Ruston, La. T. C. Albritton accompanied their car.

List your property with the old reliable FARMERS LAND LEAGUE. We are bringing hundreds of prospective buyers to the Valley.

Miss Childress spent Sunday in Hagerman.

Our enterprising miller, Grant Sooter left last Friday for Oklahoma, where he will look after business interests. Also it is said to say that Grant will do some boosting for Artesia while in the frozen north.

Kaffir corn chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Pruit Co.

Sperry & Lukins have pulled out of the Love well in the south part of town and before finishing up will have to wait until some special machinery reaches here. The well is small as yet but there is no doubt that a fine gusher will be secured when the rock is penetrated.

120 acres patented land with water, to exchange for town property. L. W. Martin.

Eggs are only 15 cents per dozen; fresh eggs, same price.

Tom Walling was visiting old friends here last week.

E. E. McNatt visited with relatives and friends in Roswell last Sunday.

Beef, Pork, Veal and Mutton. Artesia Market.

J. R. Blair returned from Malaga Saturday morning and reports that the people in that vicinity appreciate the attitude of the people of Artesia toward their bridge proposition. We have been there ourselves.

James D. Whelan drifted in Saturday morning and so far has failed to give a satisfactory account of his behavings since he left us some weeks ago. We trust that J. D. will now settle down among us and do his whole duty as a citizen of Artesia county.

Joyce-Pruit Co. just receive car salt.

Christopher & McCleary have started up a new restaurant one door west of Adam's Barber shop and will run a strictly first class lunch room. Everything about the place is neat and clean and they will no doubt pull a good share of the trade.

Have Sperry & Lukins make your connection to the new water system Lukins is a member of the Master Plumbers Association and the only one in town. They will do your work cheaper and better than any one else. Will have a complete stock of plumbing goods. Make inquiries as to why you should patronize Sperry & Lukins.

Cecil Clayton has had his yard leveled down and is setting out numbers of trees. Everything of this kind helps beautify our town and should be indulged in more frequently by our citizens.

W. Benson was a business visitor in Hagerman this week.

SALT, SALT, all kinds of salt, at Joyce-Pruit Co.

J. E. Johnson was up from Day ton Saturday. The farmers in that vicinity are agitating the question of independent telephone lines. Some of them have had experience in this line back in the states and feel that lower rates can thus be secured.

DRESSMAKING WANTED—I have had two years experience as a dressmaker and am prepared to do all fancy or plain sewing. Mrs Bertha Pumphrey.

F. A. Linell has been painting and otherwise fixing up the building in which he is now located, to the great benefit of the looks of that part of main street.

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Legal blanks at the News office.

Now is the time to plant Onion Sets and Seeds. We have them. Send for catalogue for 1908. Roswell Seed Co., Roswell, N. M. 20-21

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Schenk, of Middleton, O., were among the number of homeseekers who came down this month. They paid the News office a pleasant visit before they left and stated that it was this paper that induced them to visit the Valley. While they are returning home now their absence will be only temporary as they say they cant stay away from the Valley and Artesia. Mr. Schenk will engage in business here and will be a valuable addition to our crowd of boosters.

Bran, kaffir chops, shorts and all kinds of feed at Joyce Pruit Co.

Haskell Jones, oldest resident of the Pecos valley died last week at Rocky Arroyo. He came to the valley prior to 1870.

J. B. Atkeson went to Roswell Monday morning to look after legal business.

Remember Sperry & Lukins are complying exactly to the law and ordinance in regard to tapping the city water pipes.

Prof. Botts and G. R. Brainard accompanied the basket ball boys to Roswell Saturday. The boys on their return were blowing about the way the Roswell girls took them out riding, but the Record states that it was a drayman.

Kaffir corn, chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Pruit Co.

Bernard Pos, who was in Artesia last week trying to sell the high school a piano, returned home Sunday morning. So far no selection has been made by the high school.

Try our oysters. Artesia Market.

It is stated officially that Will Robinson will wear a white vest when he lectures Friday night so all should furu out and see the show. It is not known whether there will be any free acts on the outside before the big show opens but we suppose that the usual custom will be followed.

Graham is Deputy Physician.

Saturday Dr. J. Dale Graham, received his appointment as Deputy County Physician from Dr. Doepp of Carlsbad, who is the County Physician. Dr. Graham is a good man for the place, being an excellent physician and above all, a good republican, which fact makes his appointment a double honor in as strongly democratic county as Eddy. He will assume his duties of office at once.

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Revival Meeting



Rev. W. H. Scrivner, of Beloit, Kansas, is expected to arrive Wednesday night of this week and a protracted meeting will commence at the Christian church Friday night, January 24. One hundred and fifty new song books have been ordered and there will be special music at the services, the evangelist, himself being a fine soloist.

Arrangements will be made to seat all that the house will accommodate and we urge your attendance and co-operation. Members of the other churches and all singers are invited to attend and assist in making this a great revival for Artesia.

Piano Moving.

I am prepared to move pianos having an automatic, self lifting truck with which the instruments can be moved with safety.

W. J. Williamson.

Close on Sunday.

Until further notice both the meat markets will be closed on Sunday. Remember to buy your meat on Saturday.

Fletcher's Market,
 Artesia Market.

Don't miss the "Imprssions of a Tenderfoot," Friday night by Will Robinson, editor of the Register-Tribune and proprietor of a new white vest.

Phone 8. Choice meats.

Dayton Echo In Line.

It is plainer than ever before that the north end of the county has got to form itself into a new county and we should not lose any time in preparing for the great fight which will be necessary to secure the division.—Pecos Valley Echo.

We are please to note that the Echo regards the interest of this entire section of the country as being paramount to questions which effect the individual only. Stay with us brother and assist in the establishing of Artesia county.

Attention R. A. M.

The regular Convocation of Penasco Chapter No 12, Royal Arch Masons, will be held Monday evening, Jaauary 27. There will be work in the Mark Master degree. All Companions requested to be present.

E. E. McNatt, Wm. Idler,
 Secretary H. P.

Did you ever see an editor with a white vest? Will Robinson has one and will have it displayed as prominently as possible Friday night at the lecture.

The Denver & Rio Grande railroad will haul the San Juan county exhibit to the Irrigation Congress at Albuquerque free of charge. It would help the project a great deal if the Pea Vine would do the same for the Pecos Valley products, and would not hurt the railroad so very much.

The Keeper is the coming apple and sooner or later you will have to grow it. Talk with those who have seen it and eaten it and then write to me for circulars giving further information regarding it.

A. T. Reener,
 Aulne, Kansas.

News was received here this week that Mr Bogle, of Carlsbad, and father of George Bogle, who was formerly employed in the Club Stable, died at his home in Carlsbad Monday night.

Mrs. Anna Welsh, of Florence, is visiting her sister, Mrs. I. T. Hyatt.

SALT, SALT, all kinds of salt at Joycee-Fruit Co.

High School Notes.

THE LEW WALLACE CLUB.
 The Lew Wallace Literary Society met Friday afternoon at the usual hour and after the reading and adoption of the minutes are interesting program was rendered as follows:

- Essay, "Cranks," by Faye Elder.
- Recitation, Cherry George.
- Biography of Ben Franklin, Eben Coll.
- Essay, "Curious Chinese Customs," Bertha Speck.
- Recitation, "Aunt Tabitha," Rose Wetig.
- Essay, "My Native State," Meda Horner.
- Impromptu, "What I Think of Roswell Pikers," Estelle Mauldin.
- Recitation, "Her First Railroad Ride," Texa Acord.
- Essay, "Footprints Left by Benjamin Franklin," Prof. Botts.
- Essay, "Carrier Pigeons," Vivian Newkirk.
- Impromptu, "Why I want to go to Roswell," Reed Brainard.
- Essay, "John G. Whittier," Bernice Temple.
- Impromptu, "Tomorrows game to be or not to be," Ruth Brainard.

The question for debate was:
 Resolved, that grade promotion should not be made in the middle of the year.

Affirmative, Fred Brainard and Harrel Atterbury. Negative, Willie Lynn and Warder White.

Judges, Noble Brainard, Rose Wetig and Estelle Mauldin. Decision in favor of the negative after which there was sentimental debate. The president then made a most interesting inaugural address. The meeting then adjourned.

Artesia boys won the basket ball game played at Roswell Saturday between the Artesia and the Roswell basket ball teams. The score was 13 to 15. Saturday night a crowd of girls and boys met the returning heroes and showed their appreciation of the victory by giving them a yell. The couple of hours previous to the arrival of the train were very enjoyably spent at the home of Bertha Motts.

The Artesia girls have been informed by the boys that the Roswell girls are alright. What about the Roswell boys.

Monday morning the High School and Miss Childress' room held jolification on account of the recent victory won by our boys at Roswell. It was rendered doubly joyful because of our new piano. Quite a few piano solos were rendered by pupils from both rooms. A recitation was given and several impromptus were responded to.

Just wait till the Artesia girls go to Roswell.

The pupils and the teachers of the High School and of Miss Childress' room resolved that a vote of thanks is due Mrs. Corbin and Mrs. Clarence Brainard, also Mrs. Lesly, Miss Childress and Mrs. Martin for their untiring efforts in securing the High School Piano.

Estelle Mauldin.

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The editor and foreman of the News made a trip to the oil well Sunday at least they started for the oil well but were unable to find it, but they were more than repaid for this failure by the sights of the Dayton country. Hundreds of acres of orchards have been set out since our last visit this vicinity and new wells are pouring forth their water on every side. Miles upon miles of ditches have been made and where a few months ago the land was covered with black-brush, cleared fields and farm houses now abound. Naturally with all this improvement going on the town of Dayton is not standing still and several new houses show that our neighbor on the south is up and growing. The Dayton country is running the Artesia country a close race and is evidently getting its prescribed share of the homeseekers, but when all has been said and done, we are all in one vicinity and the interests of one are the interests of the other.

Assessments Are Changed But Little.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 17.—The territorial board of equalization has adjourned after a three days session contrary to expectations, having made but few changes in assessed valuations in the territory. The valuation of the Southern Pacific was raised from \$8,000 to \$8,500 a mile. The lands of the Santa Fe Pacific were raised from 25 to 30 cents per acre and the lands of the Santa Fe system in Roosevelt county were ordered assessed at \$1.25 an acre. Altogether, railroad assessments were increased a total of almost \$2,500,000, one hundred and sixty miles of the El Paso & Southwestern railway appearing for the first time on the assessment rolls.

Doc Beatty is papering and otherwise fixing up his photo gallery.

Homer Higgins and Bill Poland spent Sunday in Roswell visiting friends.

Artesia High School Wins.

As the Roswell Basket Ball team would have nothing to do with the Girl's Basket Ball team of Artesia, the boys went to the Queen City Saturday and were unkind enough to beat Roswell 15 to 13. The Roswell team telephoned to Artesia last week that they did not want the Girl's team to come but that they would play the Boy's evidently thinking that Artesia boys would be to gentlemanly to beat ladies. It seems as though the boys resented the slight put upon the Artesia Girls as they went after the Roswell team and the result was never in doubt for a minute.

Speaking of the Santa Fe

The Santa Fe railroad company advertises in The Earth, a paper published by the company, that in the office of C. L. Seagraves, its general colonization agent, at 1113 Railway exchange, Chicago, is employed a man "who is hired to answer questions and tell the truth." The public at large would greatly appreciate it if the company would employ such a man, in connection with its transportation department at each station whom the people could consult when they wanted to know how late the passengers train was that day.—Lordsburg Liberal.

Auction Sale of Land.

160 acres rich bottom land four miles northeast of Lakewood. Fenced, house, windmill and pump, about 15 acres in cultivation. Go to Fred Vanderwork's farm. Assignment will be sold Saturday, January 25, at 2 o'clock at Gibson Hotel, Artesia. Terms, one-third cash, one third two months, one-third four months. J. N. Harshbarger, Auctioneer.

Plat and description of this may be seen at Farmers Land League by inquiry of Mr. Walden.

A number of our citizens drove down in the vicinity of Lakewood Saturday to look at the oil well.

Ed Johnson drifted in from Texas last week and says that he is here to stay.

Soon to Consider Statehood Bill

Washington, Jan. 17.—The first hearing before the Senate Committee on Territories on the pending bill giving statehood to New Mexico will take place January 21st and before the House Committee on Territories on January 28th. The hearing will be thorough and extensive.

The bill introduced by Delegate W. H. Andrews to validate an act of the 37th New Mexico Legislative Assembly, providing for the issue of territorial bonds in aid of territorial institutions and for the construction of armories, stands a good show for passage with slight amendments.

Delegate Andrews introduced bills for the relief of various New Mexico citizens on claims aggregating \$10,000 and also a large number of pension bills today.

Cottonwood Items.

Thursday night was the coldest night of the season.

Mr. Whitehorn was in Lake Arthur Saturday.

T. J. Wood was transacting business in Lake Saturday.

Dr. Hendrickson went to Lake Arthur Thursday.

T. J. Wood, Dr. Hendrickson, C. W. May and Matt Ruth went to Roswell Monday returning Wednesday.

The Stancliff well rig is down about one thousand feet and have not got water but have gone into oil sand about 200 feet.

Oil excitement is running at a high tide at present. Do not know just what will be the outcome.

Lon May was in Lake Arthur Monday.

Finkenbinder Bros. are still drilling on the Stewart well.

Rev. Gage will preach each first Sunday for the Cottonwood Sunday School at the new school house.

Mr and Mrs. Storker were in Lake Arthur Friday.

Mr. McMillan is building a new house which will be ready to move into soon.

Mr. Howard has been on the sick list but is out again.

Wesley Morris and Mrs. Claude May drove to Lake Arthur Monday. MAE.

E. S. Cross Arrives.

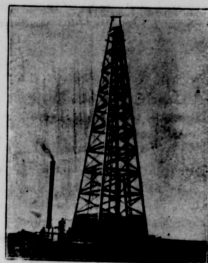
E. S. Cross, of Greenville, Texas, who paid this section a visit some months ago and bought the Cox land on Four Mile, arrived here Tuesday with his car of live stock and household goods. He has rented the Kaiser house and expects his family today.

Mr. Cross intends to begin active operations of improving his land and putting it in a good state of cultivation. He is a practical farmer, and knows how to make the farm bring the greatest returns for the money and labor invested, and it is just such men that this section needs, and we bid him a cordial welcome.—Lakewood Progress.

Mrs. Sally Robert of Artesia, the pioneer of the Artesia country—having resided there for about twenty years before any other present resident of Artesia came to the town—was in Carlsbad Wednesday. Mrs. Robert was accompanied to Carlsbad by Miss Maxwell, a sister of Mr. Maxwell proprietor of the Schlitz, and Mr. Allen of Artesia. Miss Maxwell will remain with her brother for some time.—Carlsbad Current.

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Mrs. Warner McIlhany, of Fort Worth, Texas, is visiting Dr. McIlhany and family.

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Joyce-Fruit Co. just received car salt.

A T. Reemer, of Aulne, Kansas, is in town this week in the interest of the Aulne Nursery. He brought to this office samples of the Keeper apple which we find in good condition and of fine flavor. It is certain to become popular with growers.

Capt. Crawford is building on the property recently purchased here.

I am prepared to do plowing or hitching for assessment or crops. 18 tf.*4

M. O. Tuttle.

A new piano has been placed in the high school room with a view to its being purchased for the use of the school.

The Artesia Feed & Fuel Company have rented the room formerly occupied by J. P. Dyer and will move into it in a few days.

Ground oats and kafir corn mixed half and half \$1.75 per hundred. Artesia Milling Co.

Miss Minnie Reube has returned from a visit with relatives in Missouri and is now employed at the Gibson Hotel.

Call on Woolam for cheap fresh fruit and groceries. Next to Fletcher's Market.

Oil Supervisor H. E. Mull went to Lakewood Wednesday to look after the oil prospects at that place.

C. L. Higday, a former resident of this place is in town this week. He is now engaged in selling property belonging to the Malaga Land and Improvement Company.

For quick sale list your property with E. S. Haggard.

Several excellent families have been added to our population within the past week or two. We bid them welcome and there is still room for more.

W. J. King of Roswell spent two days here this week.

The best things to eat are found at the grocery store of E. S. Howell. Phone 66.

Gallegos, the Mexican pitcher who was well known in Artesia, and who is now playing at Fort Worth, was shot last Saturday in Fort Worth by a man named Palmer Maddox. Four shots were fired but only two struck Gallegos and those only slightly injured him.

Country butter. Artesia Market.

John W. Poe, of Roswell, is down this week looking after his business interest at this place. Mr. Poe is one of the most prominent business men of Roswell.

People are taking advantage of this fine weather to put in early garden seeds. It is certainly fine weather for outdoor work and if any are behind with their work it is certainly not the fault of the weather.

Make us the right selling price. We will do the rest. Farmers Land League.

H. W. Hamilton returned Tuesday night from visiting his family at San Antonio, Texas.

Ed Tyson made a business trip to Roswell today.

C. F. Erb has purchased a half interest in the Artesia Market and will have personal charge of the business as soon as he becomes located in the town. He has rented his farm three miles southeast of town.

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Commissioner Turknott was in Roswell this week looking after business interests.

J. R. Blair left this morning for Amarillo, Texas, where he will meet Mrs. Blair and accompany her home. Mrs. Blair has been in Clairmont, Cal. where the Misses Blair are attending school.

Fancy canned meats at the Artesia Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Gage came in Tuesday evening from Wichita, Kansas, where they have been visiting Mrs. Gage's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schrock. Luke says he has had enough of globe trotting for awhile and will stay at home now.

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W. F. Schwartz has been troubled with rheumatism in his foot this week and is not getting around as spry as he used to.

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Miss Stella Bradshaw is quite sick and unable to attend to her duties as postmistress.

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Machine Shop Changes Hands.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Schenck arrived last week from Middleton, Ohio and became so favorable impressed with the middle valley and the opportunities offered that they began at once to look around for a profitable investment. Mr. Schenck being a skilled mechanic naturally investigated the situation as to his profession and learning that the Artesia Machine Shop could be purchased went to the owners and the interview resulted in a transfer of the plant which took place Wednesday.

They have also purchased the residence property of J. R. Blair north of the school house and which is located conveniently near the machine shop. They will make further investment when they return from their home in eastern Ohio to which they will return for the purpose of arranging to move here.

The daily Journal of Middleton has the following to say of Mr. Schenck:

Mr. Charles Miller, who but recently was advanced from a foremanship to assistant superintendent of the Miams Cycle & Manufacturing Company, has again been promoted. Today he was appointed superintendent of the plant, succeeding Mr. Murray Schenck, whose resignation went into effect today.

Mr. Schenck, for the past ten years has been general superintendent of the company and during that time has been a factor in its wonderful growth, and to him has been due in a measure the development of this industrial enterprise, until today it is known the world over.

At present Mr. Schenck has not determined what he will do and before engaging actively in business again will take a much needed rest. It is certain, however, that it will not be long until he is connected with some large establishment, because a man of his ability cannot long remain inactive.

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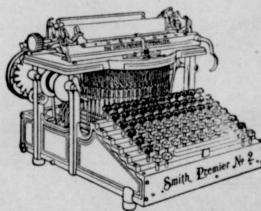
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